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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Docket No.: 105029

For: SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF,
CIRCUIT BOARD AND ELECTRONIC INSRUMENT

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.122

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 4, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor chip having electrodes; a substrate on which an interconnect pattern is formed; a protective layer provided on said substrate excluding a region of said interconnect pattern of electrical connection with said electrodes of said semiconductor chip; and a conductive adhesive;

wherein said adhesive is provided on said substrate from a region of mounting of said semiconductor chip to said protective layer, said adhesive, said protective layer and

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said interconnect pattern overlapping with one another outside of said region of mounting of
said semiconductor chip; and

wherein said electrodes of said semiconductor chip are electrically connected with
said interconnect pattern.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are allowed. By this Amendment, claim 21 is amended to change "said
semiconductor" to -- said semiconductor chip-- for clarity. No new matter is added.

This Amendment does not affect the patentability of claim 21, because this
Amendment merely affects the form of the claim, it does not affect its scope or content.
Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment to claim 21.

Entry of the amendment of claim 21 is needed for proper disclosure and protection of
the invention. No substantial amount of additional work is required on the part of the Patent
Office, since, as indicated above, the Amendment does not affect patentability. Accordingly,
entry of the claim amendment is proper.

For all the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that this application remains in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix

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